

**§ 310. Abandoned property**

The Administrator of General Services is authorized to make such contracts and provisions as he may deem for the interest of the Government, for the preservation, sale, or collection of any property, or the proceeds thereof, which may have been wrecked, abandoned, or become derelict, being within the jurisdiction of the United States, and which ought to come to the United States, and in such contracts to allow such compensation to any person giving information thereof, or who shall actually preserve, collect, surrender, or pay over the same, as the Administrator of General Services may deem just and reasonable. No costs or claim shall, however, become chargeable to the United States in so obtaining, preserving, collecting, receiving, or making available property, debts, dues, or interests, which shall not be paid from such moneys as shall be realized and received from the property so collected, under each specific agreement.

(R.S. §3755; Pub. L. 89-30, §4, June 2, 1965, 79 Stat. 119.)

**CODIFICATION**

The clause in this section, as originally enacted, making it applicable also to “or of any moneys, dues, and other interests lately in the possession of or due to the so-called Confederate States, or their agents, and now belonging to the United States, which are now withheld or retained by any person, corporation or municipality whatever, and which ought to have come into the possession and custody of, or been collected or received by, the United States;” was omitted.

R.S. §3755 derived from Res. June 21, 1870, No. 75, 16 Stat. 380.

**AMENDMENTS**

1965—Pub. L. 89-30 substituted “Administrator of General Services” for “Secretary of the Treasury”.

**§§ 311, 311a. Repealed. June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title VI, § 602(a)(5), (6), formerly title V, § 502(a)(5), (6), 63 Stat. 400; renumbered Sept. 5, 1950, ch. 849, § 6(a), (b), 64 Stat. 583**

Section 311, act July 11, 1919, ch. 6, §5, 41 Stat. 67, related to purchase of material and supplies from government services following cessation of war activities. See section 471 et seq. of this title.

Section 311a, act Dec. 20, 1928, ch. 39, title I, 45 Stat. 1030, related to surplus materials, supplies and equipment, and application of Executive Order of Dec. 3, 1918. See section 471 et seq. of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior acts:

Feb. 12, 1925, ch. 225, title I, 43 Stat. 894.  
June 30, 1922, ch. 253, title I, 42 Stat. 717.  
July 19, 1919, ch. 24, §3, 41 Stat. 232.  
July 11, 1919, ch. 7, §7, 41 Stat. 103.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL**

Repeal of sections effective July 1, 1949, pursuant to section 505 of act June 30, 1949.

**§ 311b. Disposition of unfit horses and mules**

Subject to applicable regulations under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended [40 U.S.C. 471 et seq.], horses and mules belonging to the United States which have become unfit for service may be destroyed or put out to pasture, either on the pastures belonging to the United States Govern-

ment or those belonging to financially sound and reputable humane organizations whose facilities permit them to care for them during the remainder of their natural life, at no cost to the Government.

(June 15, 1938, ch. 400, 52 Stat. 693; June 3, 1939, ch. 176, 53 Stat. 808; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, §2(24), 65 Stat. 707.)

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, referred to in text, is act June 30, 1949, ch. 288, 63 Stat. 377, as amended. Provisions of that act relating to disposal of government property are classified to chapter 10 (§471 et seq.) of this title. Provisions of that act relating to regulations are classified to section 486 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 471 of this title and Tables.

**AMENDMENTS**

1951—Act Oct. 31, 1951, inserted reference to applicable regulations of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.

1939—Act June 3, 1939, amended section generally, inserting “, either on the pastures belonging to the United States Government or those belonging to financially sound and reputable humane organizations whose facilities permit them to care for them during the remainder of their natural life, at no cost to the Government”.

**§ 312. Repealed. Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, §1(97), 65 Stat. 705**

Section, act Dec. 20, 1928, ch. 39, title I, 45 Stat. 1030, related to issuance of surplus typewriters and computing machines to Government departments and establishments. See sections 483 and 484 of this title.

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Mar. 5, 1928, ch. 126, 45 Stat. 165.  
Jan. 26, 1927, ch. 58, 44 Stat. 1030.  
Mar. 2, 1926, ch. 43, 44 Stat. 139.  
Jan. 22, 1925, ch. 87, 43 Stat. 766.  
Apr. 4, 1924, ch. 84, 43 Stat. 67.  
Jan. 3, 1923, ch. 22, 42 Stat. 1090.  
Feb. 17, 1922, ch. 55, 42 Stat. 369.

**§§ 313, 313-1. Omitted**

**CODIFICATION**

Section 313, which was from the Treasury and Post Office Departments Appropriation Act, 1949, act June 14, 1948, ch. 466, title I, 62 Stat. 415, related to repairs to typewriting machines in Government service in District of Columbia, and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts.

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

July 1, 1947, ch. 186, title I, 61 Stat. 224.  
July 20, 1946, ch. 588, title I, 60 Stat. 579.  
Apr. 24, 1945, ch. 92, title I, 59 Stat. 67.  
Apr. 22, 1944, ch. 175, title I, 58 Stat. 206.  
June 30, 1943, ch. 179, title I, 57 Stat. 262.  
Mar. 10, 1942, ch. 178, title I, 56 Stat. 161.  
Feb. 21, 1942, ch. 108, title I, 56 Stat. 109.  
May 31, 1941, ch. 156, title I, 55 Stat. 226.  
Mar. 25, 1940, ch. 71, title I, 54 Stat. 70.  
May 6, 1939, ch. 115, title I, 53 Stat. 674.  
Mar. 28, 1938, ch. 55, title I, 52 Stat. 139.  
May 14, 1937, ch. 180, title I, 50 Stat. 154.  
June 23, 1936, ch. 725, title I, 49 Stat. 1844.  
May 14, 1935, ch. 110, title I, 49 Stat. 234.  
Mar. 15, 1934, ch. 70, 48 Stat. 438.  
Mar. 3, 1933, ch. 212, 47 Stat. 1491.  
July 5, 1932, ch. 430, 47 Stat. 582.  
Feb. 23, 1931, ch. 277, 46 Stat. 1219.